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House. It should not be left to the discretion of the particular member to say that he is satisfied with the written answer and that no supplementary question is called for. That would mean converting the starred question into an unstarred question. Thus an important right of the House is being taken away. I would, therefore, suggest that in cases where the answer is long, any member of the House may request the Hon. Minister to supply printed answers and he should have the right to put supplementary question on some other day. I think that would satisfy the House."

11-30 a.m. SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" I think, Sir, We have already taken more than half an hour over this point. There are so many questions still to be answered; and if the question hour is over, all these will have to get into the proceedings without any supplementary questions having been put."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" What I suggest now is this : The answer may be placed on the table and the concerned supplementary questions may be put on the next day, i.e., tomorrow. The permanent President will give a ruling on this matter. Because, I do not think that for every question that is asked, the Hon. Minister concerned has to give an oral answer. The rule only says 'Any member who desires an oral answer to his question may distinguish it by an asterisk. Such a question is called a starred question.' So, the rule itself does not seem to be very explicit in the matter. It may be amended later on; but to avoid inconvenience, I suggest that any supplementary questions which may be put on these answers may be put tomorrow. The permanent President may be asked to give a ruling in the matter."

Provincial Broadcasting Department.

*45 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the strength of the staff of the Provincial Broadcasting Department is;

(*b*) whether any service rules have been framed for the personnel employed;

(*c*) whether the possession of a certificate in Radio Engineering is one of the qualifications prescribed;

(*d*) whether in the case of graduates in Physics the possession of a certificate in Radio Engineering is not insisted upon;

(*e*) what the old and new scales of salaries are;

(*f*) whether the starting salary in the case of Physics graduates is higher even though they do not possess the certificate in Radio Engineering; and

(*g*) whether Radio Engineering forms part of the syllabus for Physics for the B.A. Degree examination?

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*g*) Attention is invited to the paper[a] placed on the table of the House."

Post-War Education Scheme.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the Post-War education scheme the principle of granting same emoluments to teachers whatever may be the agency under which they are employed, was accepted ;

(*b*) if so, whether provision was also made for funds required for the purpose ;

(*c*) whether the scheme to improve the emoluments of teachers had the approval of the Government of India ;

(*d*) whether the Cabinet Committee in its report on the revision of salaries has abandoned the principle mentioned in (*a*) and if so, what necessitated the change ;

(*e*) whether the Government have at any time considered the need to assure assistance to local bodies and aided managements to enable them to increase the salaries of teachers consistent with the principle enunciated in (*a*) ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to re-examine the whole question of salaries and allowances of teachers irrespective of the agency under which they are working ?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No provision was made. The post-war pamphlet only contained details of cost involved if uniform scales of pay were to be introduced for teachers in all schools.

" (*c*) Yes.

" (*d*) Yes. Apart from the differences in conditions of service between the teachers and Government employees and others working under local bodies and private institutions, the conditions of provincial finance necessitated the charge.

" (*e*) The matter has been considered many times and the Government have from time to time considered the increase of grants to these institutions. While it is for the local boards to devise means for meeting the extra cost involved, the Government have come forward to give the maximum possible help to aided institutions also.

" (*f*) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Am I to understand, Sir, from the Hon. Minister for Education that the Government would fix the salaries, they would control the affairs of the local boards and still ask them to find funds for the increased emoluments sanctioned by the Government ? You control the affairs of

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 297—298 infra.